medical treatment on payment of a nominal fee in the areas covered under the Scheme. The pensioners residing in areas not covered under CGHS are eligible for a fixed medical allowance to cover cost of their outdoor treatment.

The steps taken in the implementation of the National Policy on Older Persons, brought out in 1999 included making of provisions of adequate health care facilities to senior citizens of the country. Besides, medical facilities are free for everyone including the senior citizens/ pensioners in the Government hospitals.

Admission in Medical Colleges

548. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to allow some medical colleges to admit students inspite of negative inspection reports by the Medical Council of India (MCI);

(b) if so, the names of such colleges and reasons for overriding the recommendations of MCI; and

(c) the details of the applicants where the MCI has not cleared the setting up of colleges in various States as on the 31st October, 2003 with the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) The Central Government in exercise of the powers vested with it under section 10(a)(4) of the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 renewed the permission for admission of fresh batch of students for the academic year 2003-04 in the existing medical colleges after taking into account all the relevant factors including the written submissions made by the State Government and the Institutions concerned. The list of medical colleges wherein permission was renewed is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) As per information given by the Medical Council of India, they have not cleared for setting up of the following medical colleges in view of various deficiencies noted during inspection of these colleges:—

1. Medical College at Warangal by Medicare Educational Trust, Warangal.

2. Arogyavaram Institute of Medical Sciences, Chittor by CSI Arogyavaram Medical Centre, Chittor, Andhra Pradesh.
3. Medical college at Vikarabad by Bhagwan Mahavir Memorial Trust, Hyderabad.
4. Medical College at Shillong by North Eastern India Trust for Education & Development, Shillong.

Statement

List of Medical College wherein permission was renewed

Sl. No.	Name of the College	State	Nature of Permission
1	2	3	4
1.	Kurnool Medical College, Kurnool	Andhra Pradesh	Renewal of permission against increased intake from 130 to 150 for the academic year 2003-04
2.	Rangaraya Medical College, Kakinada	Andhra Pradesh	Renewal of permission against increased intake from 100 to 150 for the academic year 2003-04
3.	S.V. Medical College, Tirupati	Andhra Pradesh	Renewal of permission against increased intake from 100 to 150 for the academic year 2003-04
4.	Kakatiya Medical College, Warangal	Andhra Pradesh	Renewal of permission against increased intake from 100 to 150 for the academic year 2003-04
5	Government Medical College, Anantapur	Andhra Pradesh	Renewal of permission for the admission of fresh batch for 100 MBBS Students for the academic year 2003-04
6.	Government Medical College, Jammu	J&K	Renewal of permission against increased intake from 100 to 120 for the academic year 2003-04
7.	Government Medical College, Aurangabad	Maharashtra	Renewal of permission against increased intake from 100 to 150 for the academic year 2003-04

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8.	Indira Gandhi Medical College, Nagpur	Maharashtra	Renewal of permissior against increased intake from 60 to 100 for the academic year 2003-04
9.	Rajendra Prasad Medical College, Tanda	Himachal Pradesh	Renewal of permission for the admission of fresh batch of 50 MBBS students for the academic year 2003-04
10.	Sikkim Manipal University Medical College, Gangtok	Sikkim	Renewal of permission for the admission of fresh batch of 100 MBBS students for the academic year 2003-04
11.	R.D. Gardi Medical College, Ujjain	Madhya Pradesh	Renewal of permissic for the admission of fre batch of 100 MBB students for the academ year 2003-04

Permission for Vaidyas to practice

549. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that persons enrolled as Vaidya by the State Medical Council of Ayurveda and Unani upto year 2001 are eligible to practice in various parts of the country as Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has admitted that these Vaidyas are in the definition of Registered Medical Practitioners (writ petition No. 394-Phoolsingh vs. State Government of Haryana); and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AN FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Hon'ble Supreme Cou of India in the Cr. Appeal No. 369 of 1994 titled "State of Haryana V. Phool Singh" ruled that the respondent came within the definition c registered medical practitioner entitled to keep allopathic medicines by virtue of his degree and registration in the State of Bi

As per provisions under Section 17(1) of the I 1970, any medical qualification included in the Second, Third or Fourth Schedule to the Act shall be sufficient qualification for enrolment on any State Register of Indian Medicine.